

Layers	ILI-80 ILR-90 ILM-90 CARI-GOLD (Brown egger)
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They all have a production level of around 280 eggs per annum.

Environmental Courts

*426. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have paid attention towards the directives of the Supreme Court in which the constitution of special environmental courts has been suggested to deal with violation of the environmental laws;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government so far in this regard;

(c) whether the Government propose to strengthen the institutional mechanism at the Central and State level to implement the pollution control laws and ensure the responsibility of the chief of the unit agency for any error in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) After the observations of the Supreme Court in the Oleum gas leak case at Shriram Food & Fertilizer Industries Ltd., Delhi, suggesting setting up of Environmental Courts, the Government has enacted a legislation called the National Environment Tribunal Act, 1995 which provides for strict liability for damages arising out of any accident occurring while handling any hazardous substance. This Act provides for establishment of a National Environment Tribunal for effective and expeditious disposal of cases arising from such accidents.

(c) and (d) In order to strengthen institutional mechanism at the Central and State levels, Government have delegated powers of Section (5) of the Environment Protection Act, 1986 to Central Pollution Control Board and State Pollution Control Boards. According to the provisions of the Act, the Chief of the units where the offence has taken place will be prosecuted after the offence has been proved.

[English]

Creation of Uttranchal State

427. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT'BACHADA : SHRI R.B. RAI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Bill regarding the creation of a separate Uttranchal State in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh has been referred to seek opinion of U.P. Legislative Assembly;

(b) whether the Government propose to introduce the Bill for the creation of Uttranchal State in the current session; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) to (c) Necessary action is being taken to refer the bill for the creation of a separate State of Uttarakhand/Uttaranchal to the State Legislature of Uttar Pradesh for expressing its views thereon as required under article 3 of the Constitution of India. As there are various legal and Constitutional formalities involved in the issue, it may not be possible to introduce the Bill in Parliament during its current session which is expiring on the 16th instant.

[Translation]

Works Done by CPCB

*428 DR. RAM LAKHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the works done by the Central Pollution Control Board during the last three years;

(b) the details of the works still going on; and

(c) the amount spent on various works during the said period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) The Central Pollution Control Board has done the following works during the last three years;

1. Studies relating to assessment of water quality in identified polluted river stretches have been completed.

2. River basin studies have been completed for Narmada, Tapi and Kaveri. Guidelines for developing Green Belt have been prepared.

3. Monitoring progress of compliance in respect of 17 categories of industries was maintained.

4. Micro-Earth Station (MES) has been installed and stabilised to have on-line access to NICNET and international network.

5. Inventorisation of hazardous wastes generating units have been completed in the State of Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Assam and in Medak District of Andhra Pradesh.